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ART MUSEUM STUDENT WINS TRIP ABROAD

Art Museum student Mary Ellen Maher, age 16, has just won an enviable trip abroad. Under the auspices of the American Field Service Mary Ellen will visit a European family for seven weeks this summer as a representative of Shaw High School in East Cleveland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Maher of 14513 Strathmore Avenue.

Immediately after World War II the American Field Service established an exchange program for European high school seniors to visit American schools, and for American eleventh grade students to visit European families during the summer. The purpose of the plan is to encourage friendship between European countries and the United States. Students at this age level are too young to hate, yet mature enough to interpret the country they are visiting.

Alf Kolbenstvedt, a Norwegian student, is attending Shaw High School this year, and living with the family of Dr. Homer Alexander in East Cleveland. His visit here is sponsored by the East Cleveland Kiwanis Club. Shaw High School will continue to entertain a European visitor every year.

Mary Ellen has been attending Art Museum classes for the past six years.

She began in the Outdoor Sketching Classes, has attended the Members' Children's Classes and the Special Advanced Classes. During the past two summers she was a volunteer assistant in the Outdoor Sketching Classes. This year she has attended the Advanced Classes on Saturday mornings and has been an assistant in one of the Saturday afternoon classes for Members' children. Her mother, Eleanor Maher, is a member of the Museum's educational staff.

In Shaw High School Mary Ellen has been a member of the Marching and Concert Bands. She has participated in the Girl's Athletic Association, playing with the Army and Navy basketball teams for the past two years. She is a Student Council representative and has worked with the East Side Junior Achievement for two years.

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